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(d) Does not arise.

Foreign Donations for Religious Organisation

224. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign donation has been received by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad during the last three years;

(b) what is the extent of foreign donation received by Christian Churches during the same period;

(c) how many foreign donations were received by Mosques and Muslim religious institutions, particularly from Middle-East, during the same period; and

(d) how they have utilised those donations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Vishwa Hindu" Parishad, being notified as an organisation of a political nature not being a political party, under section 5(1) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, can accept foreign contribution only with the prior permission of the Central Government. No application for grant of prior permission to accept foreign contribution was received from the Vishwa Hindu Parishad during the last three years.

(b) to (d) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 has provisions for acceptance of foreign contributions by voluntary associations alone. This Ministry does not have details of donations received by Christian Churches or Muslim Mosques, if any. Details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations, including religious ones, under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, have been published in the Annual Report brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report (upto 1997-98) have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for 1998-99 **is** being compiled.